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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTOR, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

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CHINA:—Alacao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDER & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, 1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KESWICK.
E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq.
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A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1849.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MADRID, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONTE, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 3 per cent. " "

H. B. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS,

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Entertainment.

GARRISON THEATRE.

BY Kind Permission of His EXCELLENCY the MAJOR GENERAL, COMMANDING, and under Patronage of LIEUT.-COL. GEDDES and OFFICERS 27th INFANTRY, the

INNISKILLING ORCHIST MINSTRELS

beg to announce to the Garrison and the Public their intention of giving two PERFORMANCES

IN THE ABOVE THEATRE,

THIS & TO-MORROW EVENINGS,

the 14th and 15th JULY, 1879.

For the benefit of the Widows and Orphans

CAUSED BY THE OPIUM WAR.

Programme.

SONGS.
COMIC SONGS.
CLOG DANCE.
CORNET SOLO.
COMIC DUET.

"THE ZULU WARRIORS,"
NEGRO FAROE,
"OLD HUNKS."

To conclude each Evening with the PLANTATION WALK ROUND

"WHOSE DAT FOOT A BURNING."

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel GEDDES and OFFICERS, a portion of the Band of 27th Inniskillings will attend.

Prices of Admissions:

Front Seats, One Dollar.
Second do., 50 Cents.
Third do., 25 "

Tickets can be obtained at the OFFICERS' MESS, SERGEANTS' MESS, CANTEENS, R.A., and 27th Inniskillings, and at the DOOR on the Nights of Performance.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m.
To Commence at 9.00 "

PUNTERS will be kept in motion during the Performance.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"
Hongkong, July 14, 1879. jyl6

Intimations.

WANTED for the SAILORS' HOME, A STEWARD. Apply to the Under-signd.

H. G. THOMSETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879. jyl8

WANTED, by a Young Tortoise, who has some knowledge of Book-keeping, a SITUATION in a Mercantile Office (Only moderate Salary required. Address "A. C." care of Office of this Rep-r.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. jyl5

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his

ATTENDANCE at the DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Latest Editions.
CAVENDISH ON WHIST.
POLE'S THEORY OF WHIST.
WALKER'S CORRECT CARD.
BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS (A Novelty).
WIRE RAT TRAPS.
BULL'S EYE LANTERNS.
BATH SPONGES.
WHITE BRO'S PORTLAND CEMENT.

LAWN TENNIS RATS, BALLS and NETS.
LAWN BOWLS, QUITS and OTHER GAMES.
Scotch Home-made JAMS and JELLIES.
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS.
ICE PITCHERS and PAILS.
AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.
FRENCH BOOTS and SHOES.
English BOOTS and SHOES.

CHRISTY'S BLACK and DRAB HATS.
"YOU DIRTY BOY."
CORE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.
AMERICAN GOLDEN LEAF TOBACCO.
Well-Sensitized CIGARS.
MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGAR TUBES.
POCKET-KNIVES.
QUININE.
CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.
SPIRIT LEVELS.
New Style CHIT BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 10, 1879.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879. jyl6

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th Instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879. jyl6

NOTICE.

SUNSHINE has REMOVED to No. 62, QUEEN'S ROAD, Opposite the CHARTERED BANK.

Hongkong, June 24, 1879. jyl4

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-sixth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 50A Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 29th July Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879. jyl20

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 20th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879. jyl20

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirtieth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
W. B. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. jyl8

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading by this COMPANY'S STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. J. HOWARD, is hereby revoked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is authorized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st JULY, 1879, our Business in Hongkong will be CONDUCTED under the Firm or Style of NORONHA & Co., and at Shanghai under that of NORONHA & SHANGHAI.

Mr. A. J. NORONHA is authorized to Sign our Firm in Hongkong per Procuration.

NORONHA & SONS.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879. jyl8

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

Capt. S. ASHROU, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, July 11, 1879. jyl5

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG. The Departure of the S. S. "ATALANTA,"

has been unavoidably POSTPONED to TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 6 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879. jyl5

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "DIAMANTE,"

Capt. TREBATH, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Company's Steamship "OCEAN,"

Captain WEBSTER, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. jyl7

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "VENICE,"

P. Rhoads, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879. jyl7

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "JAPAN,"

Capt. GARDNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879. jyl7

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "MONARCH,"

Capt. STROODALE, due from FOOCHOW about the 25th Instant, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 11, 1879. jyl25

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). The Spanish Steamer "GRAVINA,"

Captain ECHERVARIA, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "GLENIFFER,"

Capt. GRAHAM, will be despatched as above on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Bark "COLWYN,"

BULMAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on the 15th July.

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, June 21, 1879. jyl15

FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L.L.I. German Bark "HELENE,"

VOLGUARDSEN, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, June 25, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "GAUNTLET,"

LUCAS, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, June 6, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "CHASCA,"

Captain WASHBURN, will load here, and will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "SOUTH AMERICAN,"

Captain KNOWLES, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Schooner "IRENE,"

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

AT A MEETING of the CONSULTING COMMITTEE of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and the DIRECTORS of the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY Held on the 20th Instant, the following Resolution was carried unanimously:—

"It is agreed between the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company and the China Fire Insurance Company, that on and after the 1st JULY Proximo, a CASH DISCOUNT of 20 PER CENT. be allowed upon all Premiums, whether Contributed by SHAREHOLDERS or NOT, in lieu of the ANNUAL BONUS hitherto declared after the Closing of each Year's Accounts."

By Order,
For the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.,
Limited,
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
For the China Fire Insurance Co.,
Limited,
JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, June 26, 1879.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A NINTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 9th July. Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th July.
Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th July, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, July 1, 1879.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.
By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

OUR OFFICE has To-day been REMOVED to 8, Praya Central.
REISS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
48, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, June 20, 1879.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MCKENZIE MINING SOCIETY.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 27, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

THE Undersigned begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has engaged the Services of a THOROUGHLY QUALIFIED EUROPEAN ASSISTANT, who will attend solely to the DISPENSARY DEPARTMENT, hoping thereby to merit in a greater degree their Confidence and Patronage.
WM. CRUCKSHANK.
Hongkong, June 26, 1879.

TAKASIMA MINE.

NOTICE.

MR. NAKAHARA KUNIOZUKU has been appointed his SOLE AGENT for the sale of all OOL produced from the TAKASIMA Mines, and all Purchases of such Coal must be made through him and his representatives on and after the 16th Instant.
GOTO SHOJIRO.
Nagasaki, June 13, 1879.

ON and After the 16th Instant, my Representatives for the SALE of all OOL produced from the Takasima Mines will be
At Nagasaki,
MR. RYLE HOLME.
At China Ports,
Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,
Or their Agents.
NAGAHARA KUNIOZUKU.
Nagasaki, June 13, 1879.

For Sale.

KELLY & WATSON.

QUEEN'S ROAD,
(Next door to the Exchange).
ARE now showing a LARGE VARIETY of
New LADIES' NOTE PAPERS & ENVELOPES.
New SHEET MUSIC.
ROBERT'S CABINETS.
MASSEY & HAMILTON'S ORGANS.
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS.
SCRAP BOOKS.
INKSTANDS.
LEATHER BLOTTING BOOKS.
NEW STOVE ORNAMENTS.
MENU CARDS.
PLAYING CARDS. BEZIQUE.
LETTER CASES. CARD CASES.
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.
POCKET SLATES.
WINNOR & NEWTON'S DRAWING MATERIALS.
New CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.
Their Celebrated TOBACCOES, CIGARS and CIGARETTES.
Hongkong, July 7, 1879.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

(To close a Consignment.)

A Few Cases RUINART'S well-known CHAMPAGNE, at
\$10 per Case of 12 dozen Quarts,
\$11 per Case of 12 " Pints.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, June 17, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship China, Captain LACHLAN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S. S. KAISER-I-HIND.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel from London, Bombay and intermediate Ports and in connection with the Nepal from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 16th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation to the contrary be received before 4 p.m. To-day.

A. MOIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before WEDNESDAY, the 9th Inst., at 9 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 8, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CELIA, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Drow, Douglas, Lark & Co.
MONTARA, German schooner, Captain Schindler, Stenmann & Co.

SCOTLAND, British steamer, Capt. Wm. Atkinson, Russell & Co.
ALICE O. DICKERMAN, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. Wm. J. Bryant, Order.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "AMOI,"
G. H. DAWSON, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Ward Room Officers of H.M.S. "Pegasus" are not Responsible for any Debts that may be incurred by ROBERT DOIDGE, late Ward Room Steward of the "Pegasus."

Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

BILLIARD ENTERTAINMENT.

S. W. STANLEY will give an Exhibition of Billiards at the "Stag Hotel" THIS EVENING, commencing at Nine o'clock. This is the only opportunity the Hongkong Public will have of witnessing Mr. STANLEY'S Performance, as he leaves to-morrow in the P. & O. steamer Khedive.

ADMISSION—ONE DOLLAR.

Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze,
AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or., 2 cases
T J Flannel, from London.

Ex Djennah,
T J L 37 pkgs. Nuts, from Singapore.

Ex Amazone,
B TS 520/24, Mr. J. Kelsner, 5 cases Bitters,
from Marseilles.

D M 1/6, Mr. D. Manno, 6 cases Wine, from
Marseilles.

M B (in diamond) 18/16, M. de Maron L.
Bridges, R.N., 4 cases Whisky,
from London.

S O Ghee Soon Tye, 203 bales Cotton, from
Singapore.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 13, Namoa, British steamer, 862,
Westoby, Poochow July 9, Amoy 11, and
Swatow 12, General.—DOUGLAS LA FRANCE & Co.

July 13, Dale, British steamer, 690,
Thompson, Bangkok July 6, Rice and
General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

July 13, Conquest, British steamer, 317,
F. Riphick, Haiphong July 10, and Hoihow
12, General.—E. SHUN.

July 13, Chinkiang, British steamer, 799,
M. Orr, Shanghai July 9, General.—
SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 13, Kaiser-i-Hind, for Shanghai.
13, China, for Yokohama.
13, Penedo, for Saigon.

13, Somerset, for Australian Ports.
13, Johann Smith, for Whampoa.
13, Wolan, for Foochow.
13, Netie Merryman, for Ooty.
14, Menelaus, for Shanghai via Amoy.
14, Chinkiang, for Canton.
14, Blenheim, for Manila.
14, Antenor, for Singapore, &c.
14, Salvador, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Fabius, for Kulkwick.
Atalanta, for Hoihow and Haiphong.
Totung, for Swatow.
Amoy, for Shanghai.
G. C. Trufant, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Mr. R. Innes, Capt. Pittman, and 200 Chinese.
Per Chinkiang, from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. May, and 30 Chinese.
Per Dale, from Bangkok, 70 Chinese.
Per Conquest, from Hoihow, &c., 69 Chinese.

Per Kaiser-i-Hind, for Shanghai, Baron von Soden and servant, Messrs F. G. Marshall, R. Macavoy, R.N., and I. Abraham.
Per China, for Yokohama, Col. W. J. Stuart, R.E., Rev. Pearson, Messrs J. H. Clarke, W. S. Loring, C. R. Hole, Noel Smith, and A. D. Uloth.
Per Somerset, for Australian Ports, Messrs Ford, Keen, and Etto, and 61 Chinese.

Per Antenor, for London, Mrs. Dunn and 2 children, Messrs Elise, and T. Sowell, for Straits, 300 Chinese.
Per Menelaus, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.
Per Penedo, for Saigon, about 150 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Khedive, from Hongkong, for Singapore, Burgeon General Dr. R. Gilhorne and native servant, and Mr. S. W. Stanley for Bombay, Mr. R. J. E. Fagel, for Southampton, Quarter-master Sergt. W. H. Drake, wife and infant, for Brindisi, Mr. F. Percy Stevens, from Shanghai for Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Major, and Mr. W. S. McLean, for Venice, Messrs R. Anderson, and R. Bourke, from Yokohama for Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. Keltia, for Singapore, Mr. de Ryckman.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Namoa reports: Left Foochow July 5th, with British ship Salamis in tow to sea. Arrived Amoy on 11th, and left same evening. Arrived in Swatow on the 12th, and left same evening. Experienced fresh S.W. winds and heavy S.E. swell. From Mendocino Islands fresh S.W. winds and rain squalls. Off Mendocino passed E. of O. S. S. Kaiser-i-Hind bound E. S. China bound N.E. In Foochow: S. S. Glenroy, Monarch, Teviot, Syria, and H.M.S. Moorhen. In Amoy: S. S. Cheong Hock Kian, and Chl. R. C. Ling Fung. In Swatow: S. S. Eleftheria, and Chl. R. C. Fui Bo.

The British steamer Dale reports: Moderate monsoon and fine weather first part of passage, latter part unsteady winds and squally weather.

The British steamer Conquest reports: Left Haiphong July 10th, and had S.E. and Southerly winds and fine weather to Hoihow. Left Hoihow on the 12th, and had S.E. winds and rain to the 13th, from whence the winds were variable, showed to port. Passed the R. S. M. S. on the 10th.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Khedive, to London: 14,021 boxes, 11,295 half-chests, 1,461 pkgs. and 181 cases Tea, 14 cases Silk Piece Goods, 674 bales Silk, 103 bales Waste Silk, and 497 pkgs. Sundries. To Continent: 2,630 pkgs. Tea, 246 bales Silk, 916 bales Cocoons, 17 bales Waste Silk, and 20 pkgs. Sundries. To New York: 20 bales Silk, and 28 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—
For Amoy, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—
For Kwangtung, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 15th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For BANGKOK.—
For Dumbu, at noon To-morrow, the 15th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA and HIOGO.—
Per Charlton, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—
Per Orono, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th inst. Private ship rates.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALOUTTA.—
Per Venes and Japan, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per Norden, at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, the 18th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Khedive, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet China will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 17th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, July 7, 1879.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Djennah, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, 5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Mount Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

GENERAL REMOYANCE.

WEDNESDAY, July 16:—
Goods per Kaiser-i-Hind not delivered after this date subject to rent.

Transfer Books of H. C. & M. Steamboat Co. closed from this date to 29th Instant, inclusive.

THURSDAY, July 17:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
3 p.m.—Ocean leaves for Port Darwin, Ootahow, &c.
3 p.m.—Venice and Japan leave for Singapore, &c.

Transfer Books of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.

TUESDAY, July 22:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, July 25:—
3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Hotel Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.

TUESDAY, July 29:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50, Queen's Road.

THURSDAY, July 31:—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Head Office, Hongkong.

FRIDAY, August 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEVOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Cohwyn leaves for San Francisco.
6 a.m.—Atalanta leaves for Hoihow, &c.
10 a.m.—Amoy leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports.

Goods per Amazone undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Auction.

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr. G. R. Lammert's residence, Spring Gardens.
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr. G. R. Lammert, at his Sales Rooms.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Dramatic Performance at the Garrison Theatre.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

BIRTH.

On the 14th July, at No. 11, Praya East, the Wife of A. E. MEYER, of a Son.
The publication of this issue commenced at 8.15 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 14, 1879.

THE Vain has received from M. Prjévalsky, the well-known traveller, the following letter sent by post from Zaisanne, and dated the 20th of March:—

"I arrived here on the 27th February and have spent three whole weeks in making final preparations for my next expedition. The deep snow which covers the steppes of Zaisanne has prevented us from starting earlier. We shall leave Zaisanne to-morrow morning and make for the town of Bouloukook, and from Bouloukook, ascending the river Ouroung and following the southern branch of the Altai, to Barkoul and Khani. We shall probably reach the latter place towards the end of May (more than 1000 versts from Zaisanne). If excessive heat and scarcity of water in the desert of Khambe do not present insurmountable obstacles we will pursue our journey to the town of Schatobojon."

"We shall then ascend the first plateau of Tibet; and, after crossing the marshy plain of Transdoshi, we shall find ourselves in front of a new plateau of Tibet. We shall have to travel more than a thousand versts through this desert before reaching the end of our journey—Khasay. After resting some time there, I will explore, if possible, the south eastern portion of Tibet; and, going back to Khasay, we will return by way of Khotan and Khashagar. It is calculated that the whole journey will last two years. Such is in general my plan; but the future will decide the possibility of its realization."

"I am completely equipped; money is abundant. I have two assistants, Lieut. Ekelon and Rodorovsky, a caterer, M. Kolometsov, and an escort of three soldiers and five Cossacks from Transbaikalia. We have, in addition, the interpreter (Tarantcha) from Koulja, who formerly accompanied me to Lobnour, and a Kirghiz guide. The guide will leave us at Hami, and will carry back the account of our journey to Zaisanne."

"The armament of the expedition leaves nothing to be desired. We possess 13 rifles (Berdan), 22 revolvers (Smith and Wesson), 6 fowling pieces, 10,000 ball cartridges, 110 pounds of powder, and 450 pounds of lead; we have every instrument necessary for making astronomical and meteorological observations, with every appliance for preparing animals and for collecting plants. All that we want are good health and the same luck which I enjoyed during my previous travels in Asia."—Translated.

In these choleraic times it is right that the powers that be should be on the alert to prevent the admission of the disease by means of infected vessels, or of vessels coming from infected districts. It will therefore be worthy of consideration whether steamers from Japan should not be subjected to strict quarantine upon arrival at this port. Precautionary measures are being taken at Shanghai, and the Japanese authorities at Yokohama appear to be more fully alive than usual to the necessity for keeping their capital and chief port free from the scourge which is now ravaging Hioho and Osaka. Scientifically the epidemic now at work at these ports may not be Asiatic Cholera, and may be more correctly described as choleraic diarrhoea; but it seems to have power enough to number its victims by hundreds in one town, and to spread from one town to another. These are qualifications sufficient to justify almost any measures to prevent its approach in this direction.

Cholera is also reported by the Conquest

from Haiphong, and that vessel now flies a yellow flag. We cannot say she has been quarantined, for her cargo of pigs and the passengers were distributed over the Colony even before the Health Officer got on board. It might have been expected that the Captain would have signalled for the Health Officer, and not have anchored in mid-harbour, under such circumstances. There is certainly no sickness on board; but the force

in favour of midnight marauders, it seems ridiculous that those who are supposed to guard our lives and property at night should be left without the simple and powerful aid of lamps; but our Police Force is altogether so fearfully and wonderfully constituted that hardly any discovery in connection with it would astonish us. There is this of course to be said,—that the Police arrangements are just now in a transition state. Captain Deane has just got back from Government his scheme for improving the efficiency of the night service. The scheme was only sent in in February, so that not more than the usual Governmental delay has taken place. And it is possible that in some seven or eight years some alteration may be made, and life in Hongkong may be robbed of a few of the terrors that now surround it.

Our Overland edition (12 pp.) for to-morrow's English mail contains:—

Editorial articles.—The Colonial Surgeon's Report, Chinese Views of the Spirit Farm, Current Topics, The Dress Question, Mr. Hennessy in Japan, Sir Harry Parkes and the Post Office, A Grand Scheme, The Spirit Farm, and The Proposed Mail-day.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, The Chinese and the Spirit Farm Ordinance, The Late W. T. Mercer, The Weak of the "Shun Lee," Town Talk, Correspondence, Supreme Court, Singapore, Manila, Governor Hennessy in Japan, "The Ho Chi Shihun" on Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Hennessy's Address to the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, A Bit of Viperism, Arrival of General Grant at Yokohama, A Thing that Must be Stopped, The Tea Race, Brutal Murder, The Hupeh Coal Mining Company, Opium Report, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Colonial Surgeon's Report for 1878, Canton, Macao, Commercial Summary, Shipping Intelligence, and Miscellaneous.

We learn from Chinese sources, says the *Amoy Gazette*, that the first prize of Manila July Lottery was won by a native merchant of this place, whose Hong's name is Man Liang. The lucky number is said to be 7098.

The *Ho Chi Shihun* says:—It has been rumoured that we were on the eve of a rupture, because our activity in progress jars against the slow habits of the Chinese, and our recent movements in politics have roused their suspicion. As we have said already, our commercial relations with China are of great importance, and it is for the interest of both countries that we should be on good terms together. We should very much regret to lose our profitable trade with China on account of such bagatelles as either the Locobos or Corea; and it is not for the sake of trade alone that we so highly prize to live in peace with China. Our relations with China are an important element in our Eastern policy.

The finding of the Naval Court of Enquiry held at Chefoo, into the circumstances attending the wreck of the steamer *hunsley*, is, briefly, that—the casualty was caused by the error in the working out of the sight made at 5 p.m. on the 13th June, and by the foggy weather, which prevented the land being seen. The Court regrets that the Master did not take soundings before retiring at 10.30 p.m., in which case he would have ascertained the proximity of the *Shun Lee* to the *hunsley* at the same time, as the night was clear, and the Master had every reason to suppose that land would be sighted 12 miles off, the Court does not feel justified in passing any censure on the Master with regard to this part. The Court considers that when the night grew foggy or hazy, it was the duty of the First Officer, Mr. Oliver Routledge Barnes, to have called the Master, and is compelled to censure Mr. Barnes for not having performed this part of his duty; but the Court does not consider the offence of Mr. Barnes sufficiently serious to call for a suspension or endorsement on his certificate. After the wreck, the Master, William John Paynter, seems to the Court to have behaved with great tact and presence of mind, in circumstances, that, considering the number of excited and insubordinate Chinese passengers, 90 in all, might, on any want of tact or presence of mind, have entailed serious consequences. For Mr. Paynter's conduct after the *Shun Lee* struck, the Court desires to express warm commendation.

The Committee of the Municipality of Shanghai, appointed to enquire into the serious accident which happened when General Grant was there, have given in their report. The substance of it we have already given in a sentence; we now have the report in full in the Shanghai paper. The Committee had to consider these questions:—

- 1.—What the material that exploded was, and of what it was composed.
 - 2.—Where it was obtained.
 - 3.—By whom it was obtained.
 - 4.—How it was ignited.
 - 5.—Who is responsible for its introduction into the procession, and its use therein.
- And these the Committee answered *seriatim* as follows:—
- 1st.—The composition which exploded was a powder, intended to produce, when burnt, a blue flame. It was mixed by Mr. Macavish, Assistant Chemist to Messrs. C. S. Churton & Co. (said to have been in accordance with a receipt taken from Bentley's Druggists' Receipt Book, a standard work in the trade), and was according to the evidence given by him, composed of the following ingredients:—

The Committee would observe that the analysis of the powder by Messrs. Llewellyn & Co. does not agree with the particulars of its composition as given by Messrs. Macavish and Strachan, in their evidence.

2nd.—The powder was obtained from Messrs. C. S. Churton & Co., Chemists, Shanghai.

3rd.—Mr. Jansen, a member of No. 2 Company, at the request of Mr. Bruce, Foreman of the same Company, gave the order for a quantity of red and blue fire to Messrs. C. S. Churton & Co., and the powder which exploded was the blue fire supplied by them.

4th.—The Committee regret that to this important question they can give but an unsatisfactory answer. The evidence given by Mr. Strachan and Mr. Macavish, of Messrs. Churton & Co., as also that obtained from independent sources, tends to prove that the blue fire powder could not explode, as it did, by ignition, but that under certain circumstances it might do so by concussion. It further seems clear, from the evidence given, that the powder that exploded was not ignited; and, therefore, the only conclusion that the Committee can arrive at is, that the powder, which was being carried in an iron paint pot, was struck with force by some hard substance, such for instance, as the metal spoon used for placing the powder in the pitch ladles in which it was being burnt, and thus exploded.

The Committee admit that this conclusion is based upon slender evidence, but it is the one that, under the circumstances, seems to them the most probable.

5th.—Mr. Bruce, Foreman No. 2 Engine, is solely responsible for the introduction into the parade of the powder which exploded, but it is only right to state in fairness to this gentleman, that he appears to have been quite unaware of the dangerous nature of the compound, and that he took ordinary precautions for its safe custody.

The use of the powder, as before mentioned, was to produce a blue fire for the purpose of illumination.

The following is the report of the Directors of the China Traders' Insurance Co. Limited, for the year ended April 30th, to be presented to the shareholders at the thirteenth general meeting to be held on the 31st inst.:—

The annexed statement of accounts shows a balance at credit of working account on that date of \$274,878.32, and the Directors recommend that this amount be applied as follows, viz:—A dividend of 18 per cent to shareholders, \$49,000.00, a dividend of 25 per cent on contributions, payable to all contributors of business, whether shareholders or not, \$110,000.00; to be transferred to credit of reserve fund, \$50,000.00, leaving \$60,878.32 to be carried forward. A dividend of 8 per cent. has been received from the estate of Messrs. Augustus F. Ward & Co., and the amount, \$23,975.73, carried to credit of this fund. When the accounts of that estate are finally adjusted, and the distribution of the *Japan* salvage effected, about \$22,000 more will be credited to reserve fund, which will then amount to about \$82,878.32.

During the year, Messrs. H. Nicolson, L. Mendel and A. Lind, having left the Colony, have resigned their seats at the Board. Messrs. J. Arnold, A. Melver, E. E. Sassoon, and C. Erdmann have been elected Directors, and the shareholders are invited to confirm these appointments. Messrs. H. H. Nelson and J. Arnold retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. H. Smith and T. Arnold have audited the annexed accounts, the latter in the absence on leave of Mr. T. G. Linstead. Messrs. Linstead and Smith offer themselves for re-election.

The following extraordinary story comes from Shanghai; we take it over from the columns of the *Courier*:—

A painful sight was witnessed the other day within the city walls. A respectable-looking woman of middle age, who comes from Kiating, an adjacent city, was led through the streets, wearing the heavy wooden collar round her neck, and having a small flag stuck in each ear. A gong was sounded in front of her, and one of the men by whom she was being guarded constantly called out, "Here is the swindler! here is the swindler!" Whatever may be thought of this punishment, which was probably but a small portion of what she was to endure, there can be no doubt that her offence was most mitigated swindling. She is said to have plied the avocation of a sorceress. Particularly was she skilful in curing fever and ague by charms and incantations. Having established her reputation for magic, she gave out that if dollars were planted by her clients under certain conditions they would multiply from ten to cent per cent, according to the greater or less luck of the person who should entrust her with dollars for planting. She was able to name persons who declared that their money had, by being buried by her, multiplied enormously. Under these circumstances, she was entrusted with sixty dollars by a neighbour to take home, she promised a crop of six hundred within a month. A detective, who threatened to bring her before the Magistrate, was pacified by being told that six of his dollars, if planted a month, would yield six hundred. Great was the speculation that prevailed touching the result, and many were those who doubted the lady's power, but when the detective was asked to come and dig for his six dollars, he found six hundred, as did the other adventurer, who planted sixty; great was the confidence now reported in her. One woman mortgaged her house to procure money to plant in the house of the sorceress. A rich shopkeeper at Hongkong made a large deposit, two doctors each brought a couple of thousand taels in silver—a feeling confident of reaping an abundant harvest. The thing was so simple and safe! The dollars and yucces were where no robber could gain access, and if the house were to take fire the money would be found beneath the ashes. It was not like lending money on interest, where it might be lost through the uncertainties of commerce. The dame's only trouble was in resisting the importunities of would-be investors. The thing took only too well. She could not find sufficient room for planting under her roof, and from sheer success she had to retire from her roving business. Unluckily she had not retired far enough. When an impatient planter came to her house and dug for his money, he found nothing either of his own planting or that of others. When brought before the Magistrate she affected stupidity, and answered "Yes" to every question put to her. Police

men have been sent to Kiating to find out if she had conveyed any of the missing money to her home. The policemen may be lucky enough to recover some of it, but their native modesty will restrain them from reporting their success; at any rate, no one supposes that the "money planters" will recover a tael or dollar of their subterranean investments.

THE HUPEH COAL MINING COMPANY.

We publish elsewhere the continuation of the prospectus of the Hupeh Coal Mining Company, the first part of which has already appeared in our previous issues. The document is one of considerable interest, somewhat similar to the pamphlet which was drawn up by Mr. Tong King-shing, relative to the *Kai ping* mine in Chihli, translations from which were published in the *China Mail* in the early part of last year. From this, however, the present project differs in the fact that it is purely a native Company attempting to develop the resources of the country by native methods. That the promoters themselves feel some doubt about its successful working appears from the unpretentious language they use in recommending it to the public. There is none of that desire to outstrip the foreigner, with which such enterprises are too often launched. On the contrary, there is evinced a candid wish to imitate our western ways of securing competent men for positions of trust, and we cannot help thinking that the temperate advocacy of its promoters is likely to do the scheme no harm. The care which is taken to remove any suspicion of official connection is probably a lesson gathered from the experience which has befallen similar undertakings. At any rate, the rapid extension of such organisations as the present cannot fail to quicken the public spirit of the empire, and there is no reason why a mining company conducting its operations in such a rich mineral tract as that comprised in the Yangtze Valley should not prove a success. —*Courier*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'neill, Esq.)
Monday, July 14.

Chas. Clark, seaman, U. S. Ranger, was charged by N. Perry, P.S. 22, with assaulting a man named John Parker. John Parker said he was a ward-room servant, and that defendant was a shipmate of his. He met defendant on shore about 6 p.m. yesterday in a public house. They had some drinks, and both were rather the worse for liquor. Defendant struck him, and he returned the blow; they knocked each other down in the street. Defendant struck him on the chest and he bled in the mouth and was taken to hospital by the Police.

John Prodina stated that he was proprietor of the British Crown Tavern. The evening before last the complainant and defendant came to his house. The complainant after some skilful dancing with defendant, called the latter a bastard and other names, and then slapped defendant's face. Defendant then struck him about the head and he fell against the table and began to bleed. Both were sober. Witness saw no pistol.

Defendant said he met complainant in the street, and the latter asked him for a drink. He took him to the British Crown and gave him some liquor. "He called me several names, calling me a bastard, and other names I don't like to mention." He afterwards was seized by complainant, and defendant then knocked him down. Discharged.

Chas. Ganot and Chas. Adams, unemployed seamen, were charged with fighting and creating a disturbance in the street on the 12th instant. G. McDonald, P.C. 82, stated at 10.30 p.m. the defendants were fighting in the Queen's Road when the "big man" put down the "wee one." He separated them, but they wanted to fight again, so he took them to the Station.

1st defendant stated that he was coming out of a house, and 2nd defendant came up to him and struck him across the face with his jacket. He told him to go away, and 2nd defendant then called him a Dutchman—a of a b—h. He took no notice of him and wanted to pass on, but he was again struck in the face with 2nd defendant's jacket. He then caught him and put him down.

2nd defendant said he was drunk.

2nd defendant fined \$1, in default, three days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Wong Ahlu, was charged with stealing a pair of shoes valued at 40 cents, the property of Ngai Kwai, stone-cutter.

Defendant admitted the charge and pleaded poverty. He has had no employment. Admits having been in jail in May last as a suspicious character. He was unable to find security.

Four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Tang Akum, rice pounder, was charged with the larceny of one box and clothing, valued at \$4, the property of Wong Ahing, complainant.

Complainant stated that he and defendant lived in the same house. He recognised the box produced in Court as his property. It was in the cock loft when he went to sleep at about 9 or 10 o'clock last night. At 3 a.m. to-day he heard a noise, and on looking out saw defendant in charge of a police constable. He was carrying complainant's box.

P. O. (native) 294, stated that at about 3.50 to-day he was at the corner of Tai-ping-shan Street, and saw defendant carrying the box in Court on his shoulder. He stopped him and asked where he was going to. He replied to Shek Tong Tsui. Asked what he had in the box, and told him to open it. Prisoner said he had not the key, and witness then said "we will return for the key." On returning to No. 3 Biquard Street, witness called out the inmates, and complainant claimed the box, which he opened with a key from his girdle.

Ten weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Charles Nelson, unemployed seaman, was charged with disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance at Queen's Road Central at the 18th inst.

John Dick, P.C. 62, stated that at 8.30 p.m. the defendant was making a great noise in the London Inn, and would not go away, so he took him to the station.

Defendant admitted the charge and said he was easily excited by drink. Discharged.

Ho Ahong, servant, was charged with stealing jewellery etc., valued at \$3, from Chan Sai Su, the prosecutrix.

On the 10th inst., at 8 p.m., defendant engaged complainant for the night. Between 4 and 5 a.m., next morning he asked to be let out, which was done. After prisoner's departure defendant went to sleep again, and on awaking at 9, she missed a jacket and trousers and pair of earrings. She reported the case to the police, and on the 13th inst. a constable and complainant went in search of prisoner, whom they met in West Street. She accused him with the theft, and on his being searched, two pawn tickets were found upon him. She then went to the pawnshop and presented the tickets, whereupon the jackets and trousers were restored to her.

Chan Akum, accountant of one of the pawnshops, recognised the prisoner as the person who pawned the trousers in Court.

Lau Asing, accountant of another pawnshop, said that the defendant brought to his shop the jacket produced.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 12th.
SIR,—In reply to the letter of "Pips" in last night's paper, I shall only say a few words, but will endeavour to make them pointed and brief, as I have neither the time nor the inclination to enter into a correspondence with an individual like "Pips." The person shows himself in his true colours in the closing paragraph of his letter. The man who would mix "caustic soda" with his ink, is just the one who would make concrete of "sorekay" in Hongkong. So I shall leave him to his favourite occupation of "unearthing" and "throwing dirt," and endeavour once more to pin him down to his own "challenge."

For "Pips" information I have the honour to say that I am a Civil Engineer and not a "Rolling-stone," a "Jack-of-all-trades;" therefore he is "talking to the right man."

If the person "Pips" still adheres to his opinion, let him deposit his \$50 referred to with yourself, to cover mine, the forfeit to be handed, as he suggests, to the poor-box at the Magistracy. I will then, without waiting twelve months, show him samples of similar concrete to that now used on the Praya, which were put under sea-water as soon as made, and have remained there not only one year but for upwards of ten years, and which have not "crumbled away to dust like an anti-hill," as the inexperienced "Pips" says it would do; moreover I am prepared to forfeit my wager if the person "Pips" can himself within a reasonable time, say one hour, break off a piece as large as his own "thick head" by any other means than "butting."

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Bangkok.

The U. S. Consular grounds were decorated with flags of the different nationalities, during the Fourth. H. M. the Second King's Band, under the leadership of Jacob Feit, Esq., enlivened the occasion with the best of music. The table was bountifully supplied with the choicest of refreshments, and food and beverages. The visitors were very numerous who called upon the U. S. Consul.

The Missionaries are doing a good work. They are educating women at Potchaburi and at Bangkok. And there is a Boys' school at Bangkok which is a model for the country. They have good recitation halls, good dormitories, good accommodation for boarding, and teachers, that were even distinguished as teachers in America, and all these advantages are at a merely nominal expense to students. Any one who thirsts for an education, and is ready to give a promise of continuous study till he has secured the required course, that will make him efficient as a future worker, may reap its advantage. The new Royal School is for a higher class especially, but equally important in preparing responsible men for responsible places. But what are these compared with what are needed?

COMMERCIAL.

July 14.
A quiet market has been experienced for Bengal opium since last notice. The rate for the drug has not been affected by the decline in exchange, which may be accounted for by the willingness of importers to reduce stocks. The present supply on the market is a large one, which naturally gives no confidence to the native dealers to operate beyond the actual requirements. The present rates are given at \$440 to \$441 for Patna, and \$502 to \$505 for Benares.

The receipts for the month, so far, aggregate 4,024 chests, against 2,289 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice, some 800 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 600 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 3,400 chests, against 2,680 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 1,200 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 1,400 chests.

Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Tuesday, 15th July, says:—

The business transacted during the past fortnight has been principally coastwise, and freights for suitable vessels have been somewhat firmer, but homeward freights continue dull, and rates are unchanged.

Homeward, two settlements have been effected for New York on private terms, the rate is reported to be 17s. 6d. per ton of 40 cubic feet. Some inquiry for tonnage existing from the Philippines, but freights offered from there to the States and United Kingdom are too low to induce business.

Coastwise, a good demand continues for small vessels for the Northern ports, and rates have slightly improved on last quotations. A moderate inquiry for steamers from Saigon to the Philippines sprang up during the last few days, and more tonnage is likely wanted.

The British ship *Clara*, 337 tons, left for Manila "seeking," the British barque *Blenheim*, 574 tons, proceeds to Manila under orders from home; the British bark *Vale of Devon*, 680 tons, left for Bangkok under orders from home; the British schooner *Odes*, 228 tons, proceeds to Foochow under charter, from there to the Columbia, coastwise.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 29 vessels, representing 17,855 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—
American ship Monte Rosa, 1318, to New York, private.

American barque Chasas, 628, to New York, private.

German barque Wodan, 439, Foochow to Port Elizabeth and Capetown, £1,350 in full, 80 day days.

Dutch ship Auguste, 1308, Nagasaki to Singapore, \$2.50 per ton of 20 cwt.

Norwegian barque Stant, 581, to Nagasaki, \$1,800 in full, 24 day days.

American barque Miriam, 598, to Hilo, \$1,500 in full.

American schooner M. B. Tower, 637, to Hilo, 11 cents per picul.

Dutch schooner N. N. 176, Whampoa to Tientsin, \$900 in full, 16 day days.

German barque Talo, 300, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, 40 day days.

French barque Charité, 256, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 35 day days.

German barque Margrethe, 357, to Newchwang and back, 24 cents per picul, 25 day days.

German barque H. Upmann, 459, Whampoa to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 30 1/2 cents per picul, 35 day days.

German barque Johann Smidt, 453, Whampoa to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang and Chefoo, 32 cents per picul, 45 day days.

British barque Zephyr, 395, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the bar), 28 cents per picul, (outside the bar), 23 cents per picul, 35 day days.

Siamese barque Theon Kramon, 474, to Hilo and back, \$2,750 in full, 80 day days.

German barque Pallas, 421, monthly charter, 2 to 4 months, \$1,100 for the first 2 months, \$1,200 and \$1,300 for following months.

German barque Talo, 256, monthly charter, 2 to 4 months, \$825 per month.

British steamer Penedo, 652, to Saigon, \$1,500 in full, 5 day days, and Saigon to Hilo, 80 cents per picul, 15 day days.

Danish steamer Norden, 775, Saigon to Manila, 28 cents per picul, 15 day days.

German steamer Olympia, 783, to Saigon and back, \$4,300 in full, 15 day days.

British steamer Charlton, 766, to Yokohama, Hilo, Nagasaki and back to Hongkong, \$6,000 in full, 20 day days.

British steamer Galleon of Lorne, 1380, to Yokohama, 17 1/2 cents per picul.

Messrs DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 12th July, says:—

A quiet tone has prevailed in our Tea market during the past fortnight, and latterly there has been little or no demand.

Congous.—There have been no transactions reported on this market, and from Macao, shipments have been of much smaller extent than hitherto.

Scented Teas.—Moderate settlements in Capers have taken place; the greater portion were made in the earlier part of the period under review, but latterly there has been little desire shown by buyers to enter into further operations, except at a considerable decline on previous rates; at the moment, tea men are unwilling to concede to the reduction required to induce business to any extent, but as they are holders of large stocks, they will probably accept lower prices shortly. The purchases reported show no change in values, except for medium teas, the few settlements of which have been made at a decline of about one tael.

A small business is recorded in Pekoes; "short leaf" teas continue in some demand, and purchases have been made at from Tls. 10 to 17 per picul, prices being rather in favor of buyers; "long leaf" teas have changed hands at former rates.

The following is a summary of the fortnight's business:—

Scented Capers, 10,100 boxes at Tls. 11 to 27 per picul; Scented Orange Pekoes, 5,200 boxes at Tls. 10 to 30 per picul.

Export of the Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—June 29, S. S. *Stentor*, Congon 9,600 lbs.; S. S. *Capet* 211,007 lbs.; S. O. *Pekoe* 18,165 lbs., total 238,832 lbs.; July 1, S. S. *Teheran*, Congon 135,127 lbs.; S. *Capet* 186,905 lbs.; S. O. *Pekoe* 63,380 lbs., total 385,412 lbs.; 9, S. S. *Adel*, Congon 42,609 lbs.; S. *Capet* 87,345 lbs.; S. O. *Pekoe* 127,573 lbs., total 257,527 lbs.—

Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 6,369,059 lbs.; against 5,776,662 for season 1878-79.

Silk.—Late advices by cable give the London value of No. 4 Tasles as 13s. per lb., while here to-day \$400 per picul—13/6 per lb. is asked for Kowloon of that grade. This quotation shows a drop of \$40 per picul in the past fortnight, and all classes of Tasles reel have participated in the decline. Settlements in the first week 310 bales, and 315 bales have since been taken. All sorts have been dealt in. The late heavy rains are said to have proved inimical to the maturing of the third crop, and a somewhat short yield is consequently expected. Samples are looked for in the course of a few days.

Long reels have again been in very limited request, and only 30 piculs of the usual kinds are reported settled.

Re-reels.—In these sorts a moderate business has been transacted. Contracts are put at 590 boxes (mostly Nos. 1, 2 and 3) Cutchuck and Lucklow, and prices have retrograded to nearly the same ratio as those for Tasles reels.

Stock is estimated at about 2,500 bales Tasles, 100 bales Kowkong, 400 bales Cutchuck and Lucklow, and 800 bales of inferior descriptions.

Export of SILK.—Export to date:—To London, 790 bales; to Continent, 2,018 bales; to America, 1,876 boxes; to Bombay, 607 piculs; total, 2,909 bales; and 1,576 boxes; 22, Adolph. Of Waste, 456 bales, and Floured Cocoons, 815 bales for Europe.

Waste.—Settlements 400 bales.

QUOTATIONS.

Tasles,.....Curio, \$480

".....No. 1, \$430

".....".....2, \$480

".....".....3, \$420

".....".....4, \$400

Cutchuck & Lucklow,.....\$420

Re-reels Cutchuck & Lucklow,.....Best \$550

".....".....No. 1, \$515

".....".....2, \$495

".....".....3, \$475

Waste Silk,.....No. 1, \$ 84

".....".....2, \$ 78

Cocoons Floured,.....1, \$ 78

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT.

1878-80,.....1878-79.

For Europe,.....628 bls.,.....20 bls.

United States,.....560 bxs.,.....nil.

Re-reels,.....30 pic. 20b, 150 pic. 20b,.....nil.

DRUGS AND SPICES.—Cassia Lignea: New Season's Look Poo and Loting, are quoted at \$8.25 in mats, and \$8.50 in boxes; New Season's Taiwo, \$8.50 in mats, and \$8.75 in boxes. Old Season's cargo \$8.85 in mats, and \$9.10 in boxes. Sales of New: 1,200 piculs. Stock 15,000 piculs. Sales of Old: nil. Stock 2,300 piculs. Alum, \$1.76 a \$1.80 per picul. Camphor, \$20.00 a \$20.50 per picul, packed.

Intimations

NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Section, about 64 miles, of the Company's GUTZLAF NAGASAKI CABLE has been RE-LAID from the South to the North of the PARKER, SADDLES and BARREN ISLANDS in a curve from GUTZLAF to the NORTH SADDLE, running along ELIOT, CHESNEY and SIDE SADDLE, about 2 mile distant, and from the NORTH SADDLES LIGHT, bearing South, 1 mile distant, in an E. by S. direction about 31 miles, passing the BARREN ISLANDS until these bear W. 1/2 N. distance 6 miles, when the Cable is again spliced into the old Line running in a straight line about E. N. E. till midway between PALLAS ROCK and MEACSIMA (Asses Ears) on the coast of Japan.

GEORGE J. HELLAND,
General Agent.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH
COMPANY,
HEAD OFFICE,
Shanghai, June 20, 1879. j30

HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

VOLUNTEERS are earnestly requested to ENROLL themselves on the LIST of the above named Society, as the TYPHOON SEASON is at hand, and more Working Members are necessary.

Kindly send Name and Address to the HONORARY SECRETARY,
Blue Serge Shirt, Helmet, and Life Belt supplied Free of Charge.

P. H. EMANUEL,
Hon. Secretary, Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, July 2, 1879. an2

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.
Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS AT WANCHAI.

For Particulars, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. j22

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, formerly known as the "Blue Houses," 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 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